

REMARKS

In response to Applicant's arguments presented in the Response filed June 23, 2005, that while Ibori may disclose a positive potential Vpn of the d.c. intermediate circuit (col. 3, lines 59-65), Ibori clearly fails to discloses a negative polarity voltage outputting terminal with respect to a ground terminal, the Examiner appears to agree given that in the Advisory Acton dated July 27, 2005, it is recited that “[t]he examiner understands that the Ibori reference does not disclose short-circuiting a positive terminal and a negative terminal.”¹

However, the Examiner asserts that Josephson discloses power supplies with positive and negative terminals and that Ibori has been introduced to solely establish the obviousness of short circuiting two terminals upon loss of a power source. See page 2 of the Advisory Action.

However, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner fails to appreciate that while Ibori may disclose short-circuiting a positive polarity voltage outputting terminal with respect to a ground terminal, Ibori fails to disclose or fairly suggest short-circuiting between a positive polarity voltage outputting terminal and a negative polarity voltage outputting terminal.

In other words, the combination of Ibori and Josephson fails to disclose or fairly suggest the feature of claim 1 concerning *a short circuit for short-circuiting substantially between said positive polarity voltage outputting terminal and said negative polarity voltage outputting terminal in response to a power-off signal provided by the control circuit*, or the features of

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claim 6 concerning *a short circuit for short-circuiting substantially between said first terminal and said second terminal in response to a power-off signal from said micro-computer.*

Moreover, with regard to claims 2 and 3, since Ibori fails to disclose a negative polarity voltage outputting terminal with respect to a ground terminal, it is submitted that Ibori clearly fails to disclose *wherein said short-circuit includes a series circuit having a switching element and a current-limiting element connected between said positive polarity voltage outputting terminal and said negative polarity voltage outputting terminal, and wherein said short circuit includes a switching element connected between said positive polarity voltage outputting terminal and said negative polarity voltage outputting terminal*, as called for in claims 2 and 3, respectively.

In view of the aforementioned remarks, Applicant submits that the claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant requests such action at an early date.

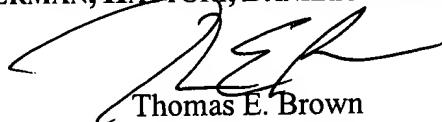
¹ Please see, lines 4-5, page 2 of the Action.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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